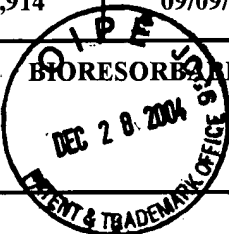
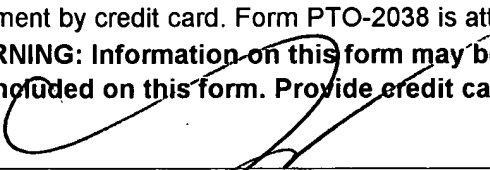
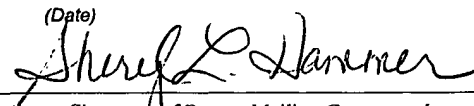


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Invention: BIORESORBABLE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR SPINAL ARTHROPLASTY					
					
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: